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REF: A) STATE 091049; B) USUN 01464

1. WE CONCUR GENERALLY WITH TACT-CAL SUGGESTIONS IN
REF B AND YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED ACCORDINGLY.
ONLY CAVEAT WE HAVE RELATES TO FIRST TWO SENTENCES OF
PARA 5, REF B. CLEARLY IT IS DESIRABLE FOR SC MEMBERS
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THEMSELVES TO STIMULATE GREATER COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF
CONFLICT SITUATIONS, AND SOME EXHORTATIONS TO THIS EFFECT
ARE APPROPRIATE. HOWEVER, OUR PROPOSAL FOR MORE ROUTINE
AND INSTITUTIONALIZED SC CONSULTATIONS IS PRECISELY TO
GET AROUND THE HISTORIC RELUCTANCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO
BRING UP CONTENTIOUS POLITICAL DISPUTES. THUS WE HOPE
USUN WILL NOT STRESS THIS LINE TO THE POINT THAT IT
MIGHT DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE NEW PROPOSAL.

2. ON APRIL 21 ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES DISCUSSED US
IDEAS WITH SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM, WHO WAS VERY
SUPPORTIVE. SYG SAID THAT WHILE HE WOULD WANT TO HAVE
CONSIDERED COMMENTS AFTER REFLECTION, HE COULD DEFINITELY
STATE HIS SUPPORT. HE DID OFFER ONE INITIAL REACTION.
HE THOUGHT HIS REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE ORAL
NOT WRITTEN BECAUSE WRITTEN REPORTS WOULD IMMEDIATELY
BE LEAKED. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ACCEPT THIS CHANGE.

3. FOLLOWING IS THE USG RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION 32/106
WHICH SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE APRIL 30:

A. STRENGTHENING THE UN'S PEACEKEEPING CAPABILITIES:

WE BELIEVE THAT FURTHER EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO STRENGTHEN THE UN'S CAPABILITIES IN THE PEACEKEEPING FIELD ALONG THE LINES DISCUSSED BELOW. UN PEACEKEEPING IS FOR THE MOST PART HIGHLY EFFECTIVE; WE SEE NO REASON TO MAKE CHANGES FOR THE SAKE OF CHANGE. THUS, OUR SUGGESTIONS ARE RELATIVELY MODEST STEPS DESIGNED TO HELP PLACE THE UN'S CAPABILITY IN THIS AREA ON A FIRMER BASIS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A PERMANENT, STANDBY UN MILITARY BODY OR AN INDIVIDUALLY UN-RECRUITED INTERNATIONAL POLICE FORCE IS AT THIS TIME POLITICALLY FEASIBLE OR NECESSARY. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE DO BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE TO HAVE A REASONABLE NUMBER OF HIGHLY-TRAINED MILITARY PERSONNEL READY TO BE CALLED ON SHORT NOTICE FOR PEACEKEEPING AND OBSERVATION ASSIGN-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MENTS. IN SHORT, WE BELIEVE THESE IDEAS, IF PUT INTO EFFECT, WOULD MAKE UN PEACEKEEPING AN EVEN MORE FLEXIBLE AND EFFECTIVE OPTION DEALING WITH CRISIS SITUATIONS.

B. UN PEACEKEEPING RESERVE: WE PROPOSE EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES OF HAVING UN MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT DONE SO EARMARK TROOP CONTINGENTS WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING A UN PEACEKEEPING RESERVE COMPOSED OF NATIONAL CONTINGENTS TRAINED IN PEACEKEEPING FUNCTIONS. SHOULD IT APPEAR THAT COUNTRIES WERE PREPARED TO RESPOND FAVORABLY, WE WOULD SUPPORT REQUESTING THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO INVITE ALL COUNTRIES WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE UN PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS TO INFORM HIM OF THE TYPE AND SIZE OF TROOP CONTINGENTS WHICH THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE. MEMBER STATES NOT IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE MILITARY UNITS MIGHT EARMARK OTHER FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL SUCH AS AIRLIFT SUPPORT, COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL, HELICOPTERS AND CREWS, POLICE OR GENDARMERIE OR MILITARY BASES FOR STAGING AREAS AND LOGISTICS SUPPORT. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED PEACEKEEPING AS A MISSION OF THEIR ARMED FORCES.

C. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT FOR PEACEKEEPING UNITS AND OBSERVERS: WE BELIEVE THAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH A VIEW TO MAKING THE UN PEACEKEEPING RESERVE A COHERENT FORCE THAT WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE ITS USE. TO THIS END, WE BELIEVE ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE EXPLORED FOR TRAINING EARMARKED CONTINGENTS BY THE UNITED NATIONS IN PEACEKEEPING METHODS. INDEED, ADEQUATE TRAINING OF OFFICERS AND PERHAPS NCO'S MIGHT BE CONSIDERED A PRECONDITION TO PARTICIPATION IN UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. TRAINING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MIGHT BE CONCEIVED WITH A VIEW TO PREPARING OFFICERS
TO TRAIN THEIR OWN NATIONAL CONTINGENTS FOR PEACEKEEPING
OPERATIONS. WE ALSO PROPOSE THAT THE POSSIBILITY BE
EXPLORED OF DEVELOPING A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PERSONNEL
DESIGNATED TO SERVE ON UN OBSERVER MISSIONS. COUNTRIES
PROVIDING OBSERVERS WOULD BE ASKED TO MAKE THEM
AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING AT UN HEADQUARTERS ONE OR TWO
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